

U.S. Army Cadet Command

Targeted Marketing and Recruiting On-Campus





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Purpose

Provide guidance for effective oncampus marketing and recruiting in order to accomplish the METL task of - RECRUIT.





Marketing - Recruiting Philosophy

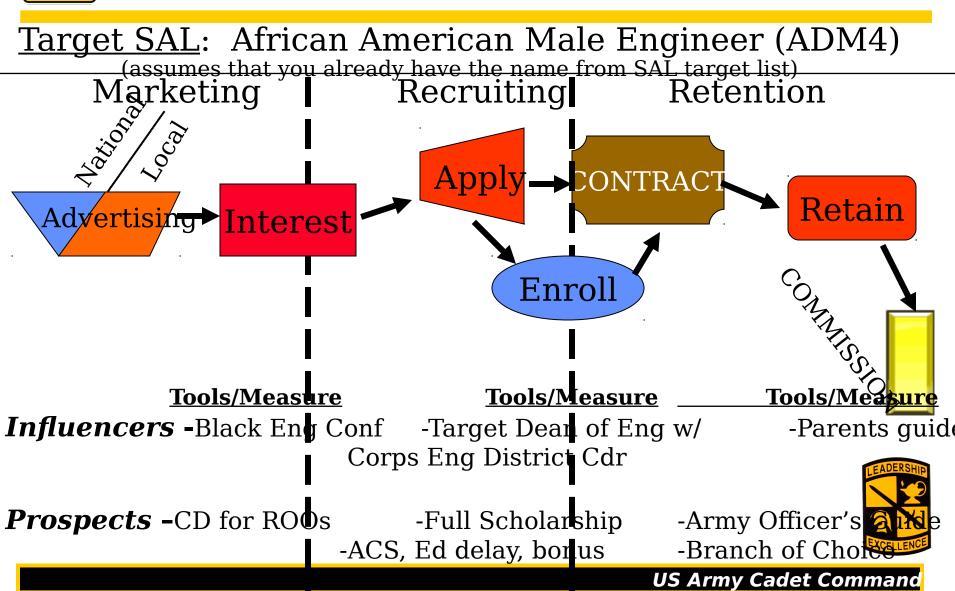
All markets are unique but;

Effective recruiting is the result of a well-planned, systemic, and aggressive, attack that targets on-campus SALs and maximizes all assets to Make Contract Mission.





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S-A-L Criteria

SCHOLARS

- GPA 3.0+ (and SAT/ACT 1100+/21+ for HS)
 (2.5 GPA for hard sciences)
- Or Top 1/3 of the class (top 10% for HS)
- National Honor Society, honors classes, AP

ATHLETES

- Team members (not necessarily varsity)
- Competitive sports Intramurals, city teams, etc.

LEADERS

- Student Gov't leaders
- Fraternity/Sorority leaders
- Boy/Girl Scout Eagle Scouts, club leaders, et
- Supervisors in a work environment



Understanding SALs

- SALs are already on campus
- SALs are going to say "No" at first, don't worry about "military propensity"
- SALs are competitive and have many opportunities for success
- You have to identify their individual needs and convince that the features and benefits of ROTC and/or Officership meet those needs



Targeting SALs

"...each and every program in Cadet Command has within its sphere of influence, a wealth of talented candidates who meet our criteria."

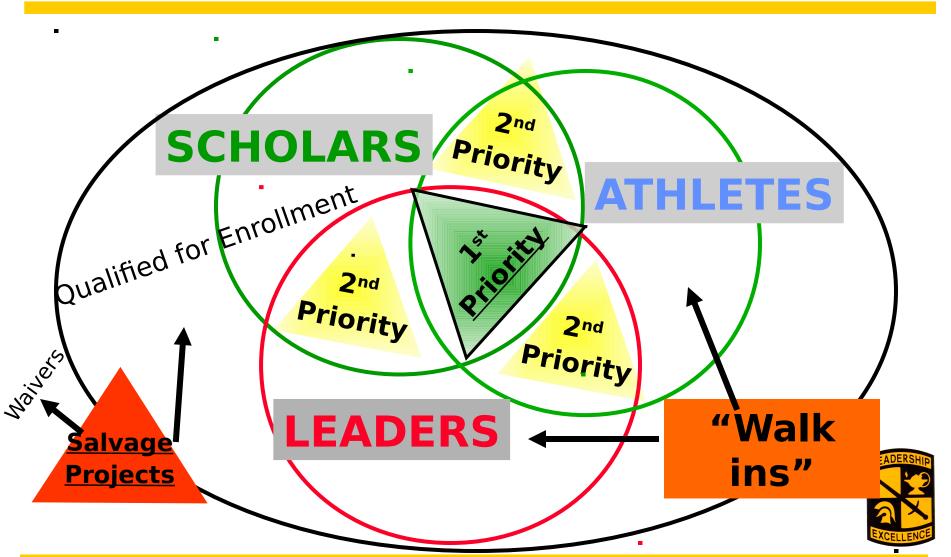
"Effective application of your limited resources demands that you develop, maintain, and aggressively update lists of names of the prospects [SALs] you want to bring in your program"

FOCUS YOUR RECRUITING EFFORTS ON THOSE SALS WE WANT IN OUR





The SAL Battlefield Framework





Marketing and Recruiting Planning



(Enrollment Mission Planner)

Mission Analysis (Recruiting Objectives by Msn Set)



(Enrollment Action Plan)

Marketing & Recruiting Analysis and Plan



(Marketing Action Plan)

Marketing Budget Plan



(Local Ad Purchasing Sys)

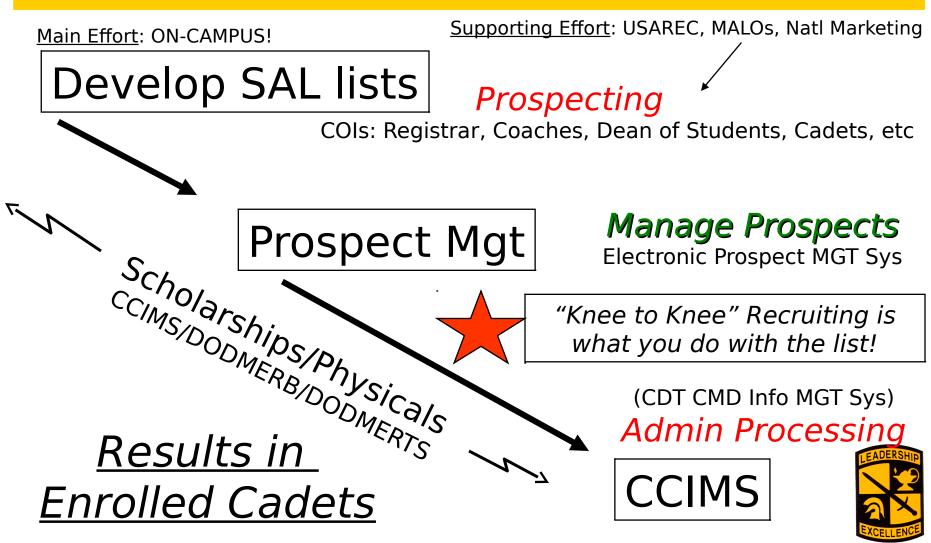
Marketing Orders

Results in a researched, detailed, and phased plan





Recruiting Execution





Steps in Marketing and Recruiting

- Step #1 <u>ID Recruiting Objectives (mission analysis)</u>
 EMP (Enrollment Mission Planner)
- Step #2 <u>Market Analysis/Marketing & Recruiting</u>
 Plan

EAP (Enrollment Action Plan), MAP

- Step #3 <u>Marketing / Advertising</u>
 LAPS (Local Advertising Purchasing System)
- Step #4 <u>Lead Generation / Prospecting</u>
 Develop SAL lists
- Step #5 Sales Skills / Prospect Management
 - What you do with the lists
 - Manage prospects and "Knee to Knee" recruiting
- Step #6 <u>Enrollment, Contracting, Processing</u>
 CCIMS (CDT CMD Info Management System)



Step #1 - Identify Mission

- A function of the EMP (wargame COAs)
- Assigned <u>commission mission</u> and <u>contract mission</u>
- ID Recruiting Objectives for each mission Set (MS04, 05, 06)
- You historically need X number of Cadets to contract in order to commission Y number of LTs. (e.g. Contract 18, commission 12)
- Where are the 18 contracts going to come from?
 - 9 = MSLII (50% retention of 18 MSLIIs)
 - 3 = LTC (75% contracting of 4 LTC camp slots)
 - 2 = SMP (local National Guard/USAR)
 - 2 = G2G/Prior Service
 - -2 = AEO/ACCT





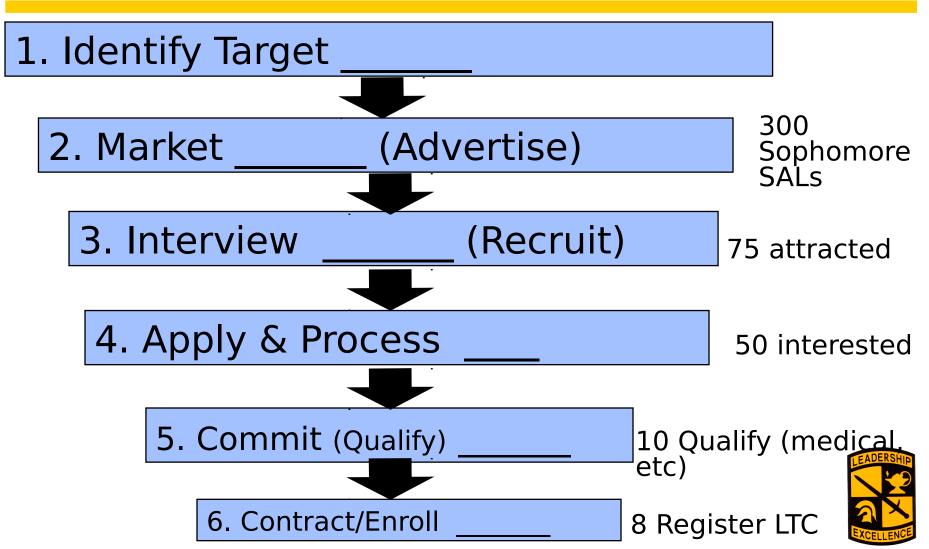
Step #2 - Market Analysis

- Past production (last 10 years)
- Retention rates (look for trends)
- Determine source of current cadets (lateral entry vs progression)
 - Identify strong /weak markets
 - Identify resources # scholarships,
 SMP programs, incentives
 - Recorded on EAP





Marketing and Recruiting Funnel





Phased Marketing and Recruiting

(LTC Campaign Example)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>	\$	Goal	Result
OCT	Phase 1 : Develop SAL list of at least 300 sophomore SALs (from COIs: registrar, coaches, Dean of Students, etc)	\$0	300	
NOV	Phase 2: Targeted mail merge letter/email to 300 sophomore SALs (Intent 1: to make them aware of ROTC/Officership features and benefits and LTC. Intent 2: get 20 to phase 3: LTC booth at the student union to view LTC video and talk to cadets who went to LTC this past summer). The booth would have well publicized times. There may also be opportunities to present ROTC and LTC at gatherings of SALs such as sports teams, RA meetings, student leaders meetings, etc.	\$125 B16	75 to ph 3	
DEC	Phase 3: LTC table manned by ROO/GBR/Cadets who just graduated from LTC, laptop playing LTC video on DVD, RPIs and high quality locally produced brochures, etc (intent it to get them to meet with a Cadet one on one and/or observe a lab) They may not come to your office or call, but they will stop by a booth for more information. [Don't use "give aways", or people will come to the table just for that]	\$200 C11 \$100 B8	50 to ph 4	
J AN- FEB	Phase 4: Facilitate LTC grads meeting one on one with LTC prospects. (Intent is to get them to meet with the ROO at a time and place of the prospects choosing (buy lunch/dinner) and discuss LTC, schedule for DODMERB if not done yet)	\$400 D18	25 to ph 5	
FEB	Phase 5: Get 10 prospects to commit to attending LTC, reinforce with "give aways" and using CD for ROOs and influencers (Deans, alumni, parents, etc)	\$500 A17	10 to ph 6	
FEB- APR	Phase 6: Process for LTC and maintain interest through monthly gatherings (dinner?). Have properly fitted for boots and instructional PT.	\$400 D18	8 to LTC	
	TOTAL	\$1,725		



Step #3 - Order Marketing Materials

- Must be targeted at on-campus SALs you have already identified thru prospecting.
- You do not have enough resources to waste on general awareness or "fishing expeditions".
- Maximize advertising by enhancing specific recruiting campaigns like LTC.
- Must be synchronizing with recruiting efforts
- Done online in LAPS; Ordered in Trimesters
 - Print Advertising
 - Mailing services (folding, stuffing, labeling, etc.)
 - Film purchase and processing
 - Flyers, tent cards
 - Printing (letters, envelopes, business cards, etc)
 - Give-away items (influencer and prospect t-shirts, hats,
 - Out of Pocket Expenses (meals for prospects)





Step #4 -Prospecting S-A-L Lists

SCHOLARS

- Registrar/Admissions Office
- Academic Advisors
- Honor societies

ATHLETES

- Coaches
- Athletic director
- Sports clubs
- Summer sports camps

LEADERS

- Student government rosters
- Fraternity/Sorority rosters
- Club rosters
- Volunteer organizations
- Ask your cadets!





Step #5 - Sales/ Prospect Management

Sales Skills

- Professional Selling Skills (PSS)
- Mutual needs satisfaction not "Hard Sell"

Prospect Management

- Prospect Information Management System (PIMS), MS Outlook "Contacts" TTP
- Data must be readily accessed and usable
- Answers "What to do with the lists"

 HAT ARE YOUR LONG TERM GOAL



Step #6 - Contracting - Processing

- It's not over until they: enroll/contract (commission!)
- Ensure all benefits are received; (i.e. scholarship, stipend, SMP bonuses, book money, assist with GI Bill, etc)
- Coordinate w/ Admin Tech / Adjutant (must be in CCIMS!)
- Conditional contracts and waivers must be closely monitored
- BOTTOM LINE: Take care of applicant.....Customer Care approach. Nothing worse for recruiting than disgruntled cadets milling around campus.



Recruiting Quality

- Effective recruiting improves retention "Sell the program on its merits"
- Recruiting SALs results in increased retention.
- "SALs will make it through the program"
- Cadets will attract like Cadets "the self-licking ice cream cone"





Ingredients for Successful Recruiting

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#1 ROO Disposition:

- Outgoing/Enthusiastic
- Focused on Target Market
- Excellent Public Speaker
- Good listener

#2 ROO Competency

- -Marketing and Advertising
- -Personal Recruiting
- -Processing (know how)

#3 ROO Protected & Resourced BN Recruiting Priority

- -ROO has minimal other tasks
- -Report to PMS, XO/S3 can't task
- -Other Cadre assist

How to

ROO Screening/Selection

ROO Training / Mentoring

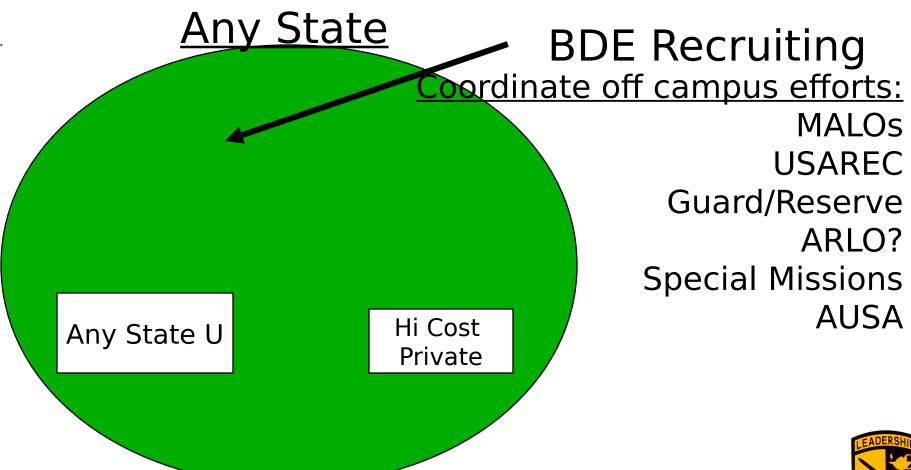


Back Up Slides





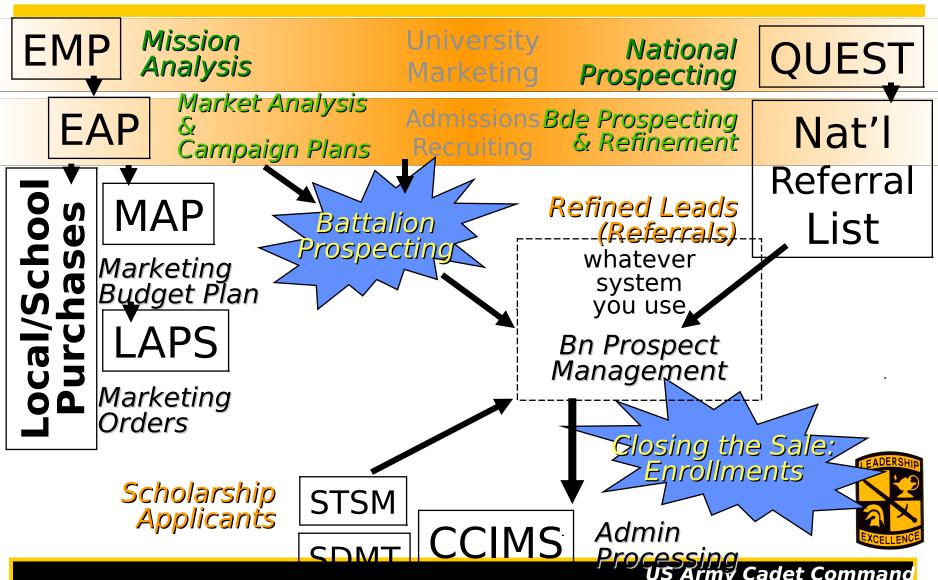
Brigade Recruiting





System Links

Processes Result in Enrolled Cadets!





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Prospect Management





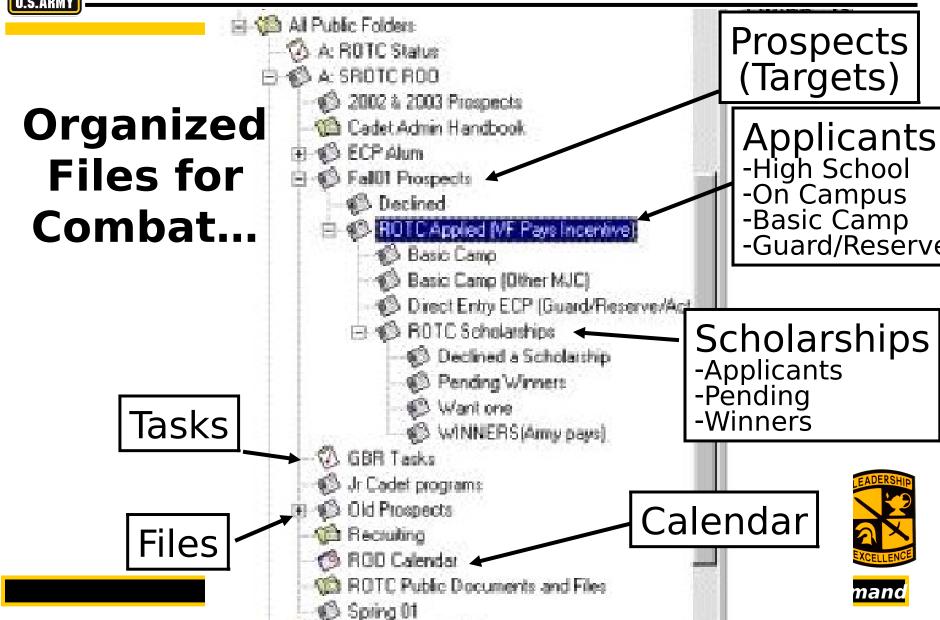
Prospect Management

- Many Systems you can try, BPMS, ACT, EMAS, MS Outlook Contacts
 - (Try to use whatever your admissions has!)
- It must be readily accessed and usable
- Required Info
 - Name/Phone (All contact info!)
 - Academic Status (GPA, SAT)
 - Expected Start Date
 - Date of Contact
 - How Contacted
 - Other (Personal, activities, interests, health)



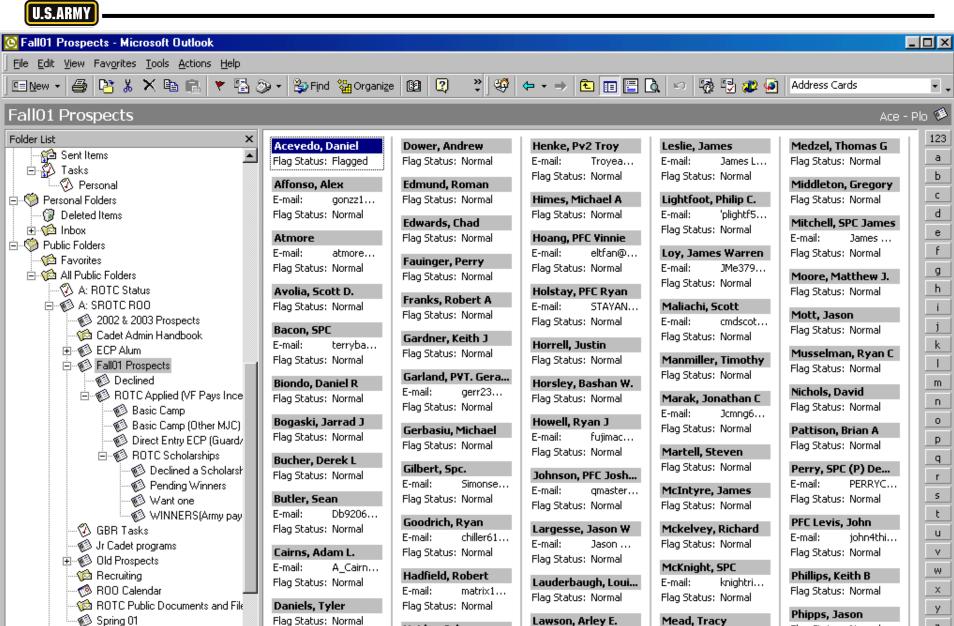


Outlook Public Folders TTP





Prospect MGT "Contact" TTP

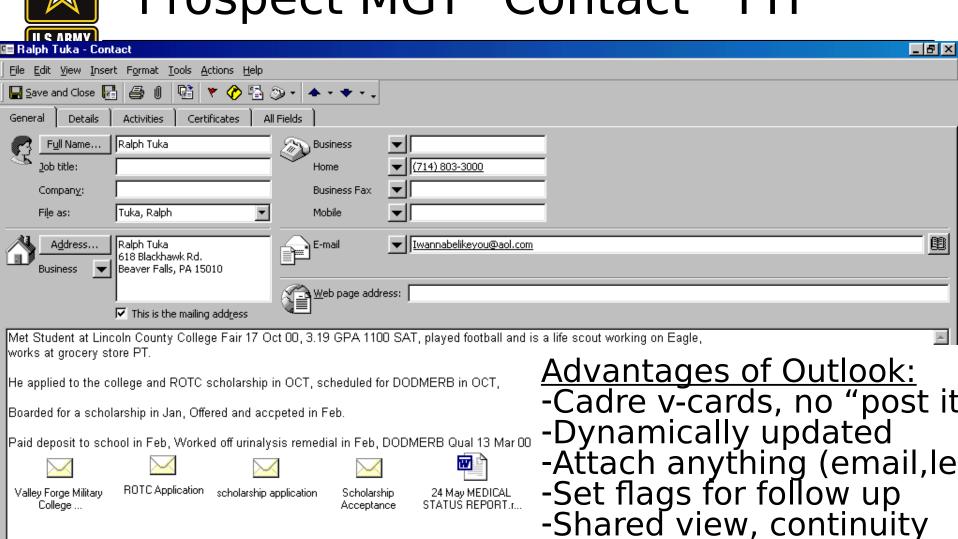


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Prospect MGT "Contact" TTP



-Mail Merge, Prints labels

-Blanket email capable

-Networkable, auto-dialer

-Exports to Excel or Acces



3 ROO Core Competencies

Marketing (Planning)

- Mission Analysis
- Market Analysis
- Campaign Planning

Selling (Recruiting)

- Personal recruiting
- Prospect Management
- Salesmanship

Processing (Enrollment)

- Product Knowledge
- Process Knowledge
- Automation





Targeting SALs Overview

- 1.Conduct market analysis to identify where SALs are on campus. Survey your own battalion to identify the who, what, when, where, why and how current cadets arrived.
- 2.Obtain the prospect lists by contacting influencers and providing them with the SAL criteria to focus searches, referrals, and recommendations.
- 3. Screen and Match the three lists: S, A, L and develop a top priority (all SAL criteria) list to use for targeted recruiting events/activities.